

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 34 through page 26, line 6, as follows:

With respect to the catalyst, not particularly limited as long as it can purify CO, HC, NO_x and the like in exhaust gases, examples thereof may include noble metals such as platinum, palladium, rhodium and the like. In addition to the noble metals, an element such as an alkali metal (Group 1 in Element Periodic Table), an alkali earth metal (Group 2 in Element ~~Periodic Table~~ Periodic Table), a rare-earth element (Group 3 in Element Periodic Table) and a transition metal element, may be added thereto.